

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 40 - 43 and 58 - 60, and add new claims 61 - 72.

1- 43. (cancelled)

44. (previously presented) A wood chipping apparatus, comprising:

a knife having a back side terminating in at least one cutting edge, said
back side having a first semi-cylindrical interlocking feature
therein; and

an inner clamping member comprising a projection terminating in a
second semi-cylindrical interlocking feature that is complementary
in form to said first interlocking feature for engagement therewith,
for clamping said knife in the wood chipping apparatus, said
projection extending from said inner clamping member so as to
permit rotation of said knife relative thereto during said
engagement.

45. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 44, wherein said first interlocking
feature is a recess, and wherein said second interlocking feature is convexly curved.

46. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 44, wherein said knife has a front
side, wherein said front and back sides co-terminate in two spaced apart cutting edges lying in a
plane, said front side including, in correspondence with said cutting edges, a respective two
spaced apart and similar projecting interlocking features that project a maximum distance from
said plane.

47. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 46, wherein said projecting interlocking features include, corresponding with said cutting edges, two spaced apart deflector ridges maximally projecting away from said front side from said a maximum distance from said plane.

48. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 47, further comprising an outer clamping member adapted to interlockingly receive at least one of said deflector ridges during said engagement.

49. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 47, wherein said first interlocking feature is a recess, and wherein said second interlocking feature is convex.

50. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 44, wherein said knife has a front side, said front and back sides co-terminating in said cutting edge, said front side including a projecting interlocking feature, the apparatus further comprising an outer clamping member adapted to interlockingly receive said projecting interlocking feature.

51. (previously presented) A wood chipping apparatus, comprising:

a knife having a back side terminating in at least one cutting edge, said back side having a first semi-cylindrical interlocking feature therein; and

a clamp for clamping said knife by applying a clamping force thereto, said clamp comprising a projection terminating in a second semi-cylindrical interlocking feature that is complementary in form to said first interlocking feature for engagement therewith, substantially the entirety of said clamping force being transmitted through said engagement.

52. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 51, wherein said first interlocking feature is a recess, and wherein said second interlocking feature is convexly curved.

53. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 51, wherein said knife has a front side, wherein said front and back sides co-terminate in two spaced apart cutting edges lying in a plane, said front side including, in correspondence with said cutting edges, a respective two spaced apart and similar projecting interlocking features that project a maximum distance from said plane.

54. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 53, wherein said projecting interlocking features include, corresponding with said cutting edges, two spaced apart deflector ridges ~~maximally~~ projecting away from said front side from said a maximum distance from said plane.

55. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 54, further comprising an outer clamping member adapted to interlockingly receive at least one of said deflector ridges during said engagement.

56. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 54, wherein said first interlocking feature is a recess, and wherein said second interlocking feature is convex.

57. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 51, wherein said knife has a front side, said front and back sides co-terminating in said cutting edge, said front side including a projecting interlocking feature, the apparatus further comprising an outer clamping member adapted to interlockingly receive said projecting interlocking feature.

58 - 60. (cancelled)

61 (new). The apparatus of claim 49, wherein each said deflector ridge terminates in a single linear edge disposed said maximum distance from said plane.

62 (new). The apparatus of claim 49, wherein each of said deflector ridges defines an associated knife-edge-joining portion providing a smoothly curving transition from a point on the deflector ridge that is disposed from said plane said maximum distance to a corresponding point on the corresponding cutting edge.

63 (new). The apparatus 48, wherein each said deflector ridge terminates in a single linear edge disposed said maximum distance from said plane.

64 (new). The apparatus 48, wherein each of said deflector ridges defines an associated knife-edge-joining portion providing a smoothly curving transition from a point on the deflector ridge that is disposed from said plane said maximum distance to a corresponding point on the corresponding cutting edge.

65 (new). The apparatus of claim 47, wherein each said deflector ridge terminates in a single linear edge disposed said maximum distance from said plane.

66 (new). The apparatus of claim 47, wherein each of said deflector ridges defines an associated knife-edge-joining portion providing a smoothly curving transition from a point on the deflector ridge that is disposed from said plane said maximum distance to a corresponding point on the corresponding cutting edge.

67 (new). The apparatus of claim 56, wherein each said deflector ridge terminates in a single linear edge disposed said maximum distance from said plane.

68 (new). The apparatus of claim 56, wherein each of said deflector ridges defines an associated knife-edge-joining portion providing a smoothly curving transition

from a point on the deflector ridge that is disposed from said plane said maximum distance to a corresponding point on the corresponding cutting edge.

69 (new). The apparatus of claim 55, wherein each said deflector ridge terminates in a single linear edge disposed said maximum distance from said plane.

70 (new). The apparatus of claim 55, wherein each of said deflector ridges defines an associated knife-edge-joining portion providing a smoothly curving transition from a point on the deflector ridge that is disposed from said plane said maximum distance to a corresponding point on the corresponding cutting edge.

71 (new). The apparatus of claim 54, wherein each said deflector ridge terminates in a single linear edge disposed said maximum distance from said plane.

72 (new). The apparatus of claim 54, wherein each of said deflector ridges defines an associated knife-edge-joining portion providing a smoothly curving transition from a point on the deflector ridge that is disposed from said plane said maximum distance to a corresponding point on the corresponding cutting edge.

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